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PATENT
Attorney Docket No.: HIRA1140

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants:	Mukouyama et al.	Art Unit:	1651
Application No.:	09/408,142	Examiner:	I. Marx
Filed:	September 29, 1999	Confirmation No.:	3645
Title:	METHODS FOR PRODUCING L-ASPARTIC ACID		

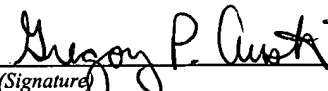
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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for the above-identified application please find:

1. Supplemental Response to the Office Action mailed February 17, 2004 (7 pgs.);
2. Petition for Extension of Time (one (1) month);
3. Check No. 560755 in the amount of \$110.00; and
4. Return Receipt Postcard.

CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 CFR §1.8	
I hereby certify that the documents referred to as enclosed herein are being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail on this date, June 7, 2004 , in an envelope addressed to: MAIL STOP AF, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.	
Gregory P. Austin (Name of Person Mailing Paper)	
 (Signature)	June 7, 2004 (Date)

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Applicants claim **LARGE ENTITY** status in the above-identified application.

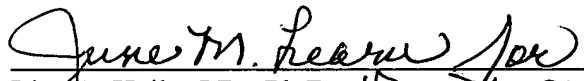
The Fee for this Response is calculated as follows:

For	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest Number Previously Paid For	Extra Claims	Small Entity Rate	Large Entity Rate	Calculations
Total Claims	10	20	0	x \$09	x \$18	\$0
Independent Claims	1	3	0	x \$43	x \$86	\$0
Multiple Dependent Claim(s)	N/A			\$145	\$290	\$0
Petition for Ext. of Time				\$55	\$110	\$110
					TOTAL FEE	\$110

Enclosed is Check No. 560755 in the amount of \$110.00 in payment of the one (1) month extension of time fee. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any other fees that may be associated with this communication, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-1355. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: June 7, 2004


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